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SUBJECT- ICRC APPEAL FOR FUNDS

REF: GENEVA 4507, GENEVA 4432, ISLAMABAD 6642, DACCA 620

1. DEPARTMENT REGRETS DELAY IN RESPONDING TO JULY 18 ICRC

APPEAL AS URGED IN REFERENCED TELEGRAMS. HAVE BEEN

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BOTHERED BY VAGUENESS OF APPEAL AND LACK OF SPECIFIC

PROGRAM PROJECTIONS. WE AGREE, HOWEVER, THAT ICRC WORK IN FACILITATING SOUTH ASIAN REPATRIATIONS NOW UNDER WAY DESERVES OUR SUPPORT, PARTICULARLY NOW THAT DELHI AGREEMENT HOLDS PROMISE OF SUCCESSFUL EXPANSION THESE ACTIVITIES IN FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

2. WE WISH PROVIDE SUPPORT TO ICRC ROLE IN REPATRIATION EFFORT AS DISTINGUISHED FROM SUPPORT TO ON-GOING AND POSSIBLY PROTRACTED RELIEF EFFORT INCLUDING PERSONS WHO MAY NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR OR MAY NOT OPT FOR REPATRIATION. IN VIEW OF DELHI AGREEMENT, IT IS REASONABLE TO LOOK FOR GREATER WILLINGNESS OF EACH GOVERNMENT TO ALLOCATE FOOD AND OTHER RELIEF SUPPLIES TO DISADVANTAGED PEOPLES. FURTHERMORE USG ABILITY TO PROVIDE RELIEF, PARTICULARLY FOOD, IS SEVERELY CONSTRAINED.

3. YOU MAY CONVEY TO ICRC INTENTION OF USG TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR SOUTH ASIAN REPATRIATION PROGRAM. BEFORE DECIDING THE SIZE OF OUR CONTRIBUTION, WE WILL NEED

TO KNOW:

- A) PRESENT FINANCIAL CONDITION OF SOUTH ASIAN PROGRAM;
- B) ESTIMATED NEEDS GIVEN BEST GUESS OF FIELD REPRESENTATIVES AS TO TIME REQUIRED TO COMPLETE REPATRIATION;
- C) AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTIONS IN RESPONSE TO JULY 18 APPEAL AND ANTICIPATED CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS, IF ANY.

IN ADDITION WE EXPECT THAT AN APPROPRIATE COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN ICRC AND UNHCR IN PLANNING AND EXECUTING FURTHER REPATRIATION WILL HAVE BEEN AGREED UPON BEFORE USG FUNDS ARE COMMITTED.

4. FYI, LEVEL AND MEANS OF USG RESPONSE TO ANTICIPATED UN APPEAL WILL ONLY BE DETERMINED AFTER APPEAL ISSUED, BUT THOUGHT BEING GIVEN TO EARMARKING PART OF US PLEDGE FOR ICRC. RUSH

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